

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-20 are rejected.

Claims 6 and 10 are objected to.

Claim 6 is cancelled in favor of amending claim 1 to be allowable.

Claim 20 is cancelled.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, and 19 are currently amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 1.

Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form by amending to include all of the limitations of previously presented claim 1

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities. The examiner suggests changing "the identified queue" on lines 5 and 7 of the claim to "determined queue".

Appropriate correction is required.

The Examiner's suggestion has been followed to amend claim 7 into allowable form. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, 7 and 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 5,974,234 by Levine et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,941 by Verkler et al.

Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 5,974,234 by Levine et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,941 by Verkler et al in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,490,611 by Shen et al. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 19 have been amended to each include the limitations of allowed claim 6. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-19 are all allowable.

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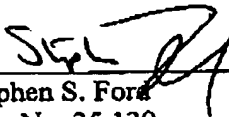
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For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-19 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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